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SUBJECT: ASHE VISIT

REF: STATE 223907, 225617 (NOTAL)

1. WASHINGTON OFFICE OF DONALD DELL, ATTORNEY FOR ARTHUR ASHE, RELAYED FOLLOWING INFO FROM ASHE IN LONDON AND REQUESTED IT BE SENT TO PERTINENT POSTS:

2. ASHE ARRIVING JOHANNESBURG 1205 PM, SATURDAY NOV. 17, BOAC 029. REQUESTS CONSULTATION THAT AFTERNOON ABOUT 4:00 PM WITH SMITH AND BURNS AND ALSO BAKER IF POSSIBLE.

3. ASHE'S MAIN INTERESTS ASIDE FROM PARTICIPATING IN TOURNAMENT, ARE IN PRIORITY ORDER:

A. VISIT SOWETO AND HAVE DINNER THERE. IS WILLING GIVE TENNIS CLINIC THERE. (NOTE: DELL TOLD US EARLIER THERE WERE THREE DIFFERENT TENNIS GROUPS IN SOWETO AND ASHE HOPED THEY COULD COLLABORATE IN WHATEVER WAS ARRANGED.)

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B. MEET CHIEF BUTHELEZI.

C. GO TO BOTSWANA AFTERNOON OF NOV. 24 STAYING THROUGH MORNING OF NOV. 25. PRINCIPAL PURPOSE WOULD BE TO MEET PRESIDENT KHAMA, BUT HE ALSO WILLING HOLD TENNIS CLINIC, GIVE TALK OR SHOW MOVIE. CANNOT PLAY TENNIS AS DIFFERENCE IN COURT SURFACES IN BOTSWANA MIGHT THROW HIM OFF STRIDE FOR TOURNAMENT.

D. MEET DR. CHRISTIAAN BARNARD IN CAPE TOWN; ENGAGE IN MULTIRACIAL DISCUSSION AT STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY. (NOTE: PERHAPS ORGANIZED BY FRIDAY CLUB OR SIMILAR GROUP.)

E. MEET HELEN SUZMAN.

4. ASHE DOES NOT WANT DEVOTE ANY TIME TO SIGHTSEEING PER SE, BUT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN VISIT TO MINE FOR INSTANCE, WHICH WOULD INCREASE HIS AWARENESS OF SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION. RUSH

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